

23. (new) A suspended microstructure with a sloped support produced by the method of claim 5.

24. (new) A suspended microstructure with a sloped support produced by the method of claim 6.

25. (new) A suspended microstructure with a sloped support produced by the method of claim 7.

26. (new) A suspended microstructure with a sloped support produced by the method of claim 8.

27. (new) A suspended microstructure with a sloped support produced by the method of claim 9.

28. (new) A suspended microstructure with a sloped support produced by the method of claim 10.

29. (new) A suspended microstructure with a sloped support produced by the method of claim 11.

30. (new) A suspended microstructure with a sloped support produced by the method of claim 12.

31. (new) A suspended microstructure with a sloped support produced by the method of claim 13.

32. (new) A suspended microstructure with a sloped support produced by the method of claim 14.

33. (new) A suspended microstructure with a sloped support produced by the method of claim 15.

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34. (new) A suspended microstructure with a sloped support produced by the method of claim 16.

35. (new) A suspended microstructure with a sloped support produced by the method of claim 17.

36. (new) A suspended microstructure with a sloped support produced by the method of claim 18.

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to add new claims 20-36. No new matter has been added.

Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

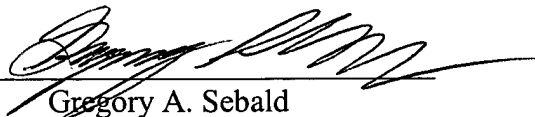
If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of-record, Gregory A. Sebald (Reg. No. 33,280), at (612) 336.4728.

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